

Pierce Middle School Live Grades

On Monday, February 5th, Pierce Middle School will have live grades! The goal of the live grades is to create an open line of communication between teachers, students, and families in order to best support your child's learning and growth. The ability to view grades through your PlusPortals account provides families more information about what occurs in the classroom, helping you become better equipped to support your child's strengths and areas of growth.

Live grades through your PlusPortals account will allow you and your student to monitor progress on assignments throughout the remainder of the school year and view his/her current average to date. As a result of this new offering, progress reports will no longer be emailed home. Report cards will be posted in the PlusPortals at the end of each term and emailed home.

In order to adequately inform students and families of student progress and to allow for the proper follow-up, guidelines have been established for teachers' posting of grades into the Portal. Once posted, these grades will be visible to students and their families.

COMMON EXPECTATIONS & ADMINISTRATIVE GUIDELINES FOR LIVE GRADES

- **Teachers will post grades within three weeks of the due date of the assignment and/or completion of the test/quiz. It is understood that certain assignments (e.g. research papers, cumulative assignments, essays, reports, and projects, etc.) may take longer to post.**
- **Students and their families should refer to the teacher's grading policy for each individual course to understand the types of assessments required for that class and guidelines for grading, including the weights of assessment categories (e.g. homework, participation, tests, quizzes, projects, etc.).**
- **Please keep in mind grades are active until the end of the term when final report card grades are posted at the end of the term.**

In addition to providing families with the real-time information about progress on each graded assignment, we expect live grades will provide our students the opportunity to self-advocate and take responsibility for their own academic success. Please encourage your child to speak with his/her teachers regarding missing assignments, assessment scores, and opportunities for extra help. If you need assistance logging onto the PlusPortals system, please reach out to assistant principal, Dr. Fitzgerald, at nfitzgerald@miltonps.org. Thank you as always for partnering with us to best support your child!